MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it meant to meet the unemployment problem also?

MR T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): To some extent.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know the other objects with which technical schools are started?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is a very wide question which I cannot answer at present.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The learned member was saying that they were not meant to meet the unemployment problem *alone*. I would like to know what were the other objects which the member had in mind when he answered that question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He has answered you that he is not in a position to reply to that question with advantage. It is not a question of his *declining* to answer. He says he is *unable* to answer the question *at this stage*.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I only wanted to know what were the other objects which were in the member's mind when he answered the question.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There were many.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are cross examining, Mr. Asan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): No, Sir, I am not cross examining him.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Just accept that statement of his inability to answer your question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Do the Government agree with the Director of Industries in thinking that the subjects now taught in Technical Schools are the only subjects which could be taught in Travancore at present?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I only want to know whether Government agree with views of the Director as expressed in his report?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say at present. The report has only just been received and no final decision has been reached by the Government.

Improvement of the Cherukunnam-Vettiyar road.

143. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the amount allotted for the improvement of the Cherukunnam-Vettiyar road in the P. W. D. Budget for 1105 (New Works, item No. 139) has been spent for the same;

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the work is completed; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

MR. P N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A portion of the amount allotted has already been spent and the balance will be spent before the close of the year.

(*b*) The work is nearing completion.

(*c*) This does not arise.

Opening of a canal from Meenantura river to Ayarattumada embankment.

144. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken in connection with the petition for opening a canal from the Meenantura river to the Ayarattunada embankment in Vadavatur *kara*.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reports that the Irrigation Investigation Officer has investigated the work in question and that the estimate for the same is under preparation.

Road from the 7th mile of the Lalam-Ponkunnam road to the 4th mile of the Kanjirapalli-Erattupetta road.

145. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government b pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the inhabitants of the taluks of Kottayam, Minachil and Changanachery have opened a road, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, from the 7th mile of the Lalam-Ponkunnam road to the 4th mile of the Kanjirapalli-Erattupetta road;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, how many years is it since it was opened;

(*c*) how many petitions were addressed by the people to them or to the Chief Engineer regarding the said road;

(*d*) whether the said people have petitioned them or the Chief Engineer about the said road on or about the 21st of Edavam 1105;

(*e*) if so, the action taken by them or the Chief Engineer on the said petition or petitions; and

(*f*) whether they know that the petitioners are residing in hilly tracts where means of communication are very scanty?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) It is reported by the Chief Engineer that a petition dated the 21st Edavam 1105 was received by him and that no further information is available. The Government have not received any petition.

(*e*) The petition has been forwarded by the Chief Engineer to the Division Officer for report.

(*f*) The information is noted.

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